

REMARKS

In the present application, claims 1, 3, 4 and 6-39 were pending. Claims 1, 3-4, 6-13, 19, 28-29, 31, 34-35, and 37 are allowed. Claims 14-18, 20-27, 30, 32, 33, 36, 38 and 39 are rejected. Claims 14-18, 20-27, 30, 32, 33, 36, 38 and 39 have been canceled. As a result of this response, claims 1, 3-4, 6-13, 19, 28-29, 31, 34-35, and 37 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Claims 14-17 were rejected as being anticipated by Kim (6,681,120). Claims 30 and 36 were rejected as being anticipated by Lu (6,603,420). Claims 32 and 38 were rejected as being anticipated by Lands (6,411,828). As all of claims 14-17, 30, 32, 36, and 38 are canceled herein, the Examiner's grounds for rejection are rendered moot. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file claims 14-17, 30, 32, 36, and 38 in a continuation application as appropriate.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

Claim 18 was rejected as being unpatentable over Kim in view of Hardouin (6,311,078). As claim 18 is canceled herein, the Examiner's grounds for rejection is rendered moot. Claims 20-27 were rejected as being unpatentable over Hardouin in view of Nilsen (6,529,144). As all of claims 20-27 are canceled herein, the Examiner's grounds for rejection are rendered moot. Lastly, Claims 33 and 39 were rejected as being unpatentable over Land in view of Hardouin. As all of claims 33 and 39 are canceled herein, the Examiner's grounds for rejection are rendered moot. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file claims 18, 20-27, 33, and 39 in a continuation application as appropriate.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner allowed claims 1, 3-4, 6-13, 19, 28-29, 31, 34-35, and 37. Claims 19, 31, and 37 are amended herein to be independent claims.

An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the



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Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated. It is submitted that the claims herein patentably define over the art relied on by the Examiner and early allowance of same is courteously solicited.

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